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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 9, 1971

The Honorable Richard Helms Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

The Subcommittee on United States Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad of the Foreign Relations Committee has been reconstituted for the 92nd Congress, and I have been appointed Chairman. The area of responsibility of the Subcommittee has been defined as follows:

"Subject to special fact-finding requests which the full Committee may submit from time to time, this Subcommittee on its own motion will focus particular attention on overseas commitments and military activities abroad which affect the foreign relations of the United States. the forthcoming Congress, this will require that the Subcommittee follow closely the question of the duplication of activity in the overseas intelligence community and of secrecy in the conduct of foreign policy in a democracy."

The full-time Subcommittee staff will consist of James G. Lowenstein and Richard M. Moose, both former Foreign Service Officers, who have been serving the staff of the Foreign Pat M. Holt will also devote some of Relations Committee. his time to the Subcommittee's work.

I would appreciate it if you would designate an officer in your Agency to act as a liaison and point of contact for the Subcommittee. I would also appreciate it if the Agency would initiate the necessary procedures for any special

security clearances for members of the staff that may be required in light of the Subcommittee's area of responsibility.

I am addressing similar letters to the Secretaries of State and Defense and the Director of the National Security Agency.

Sincerely,

Stuart Symington

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